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CONFIRMATION NO. 5992

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- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 1a, 1b.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
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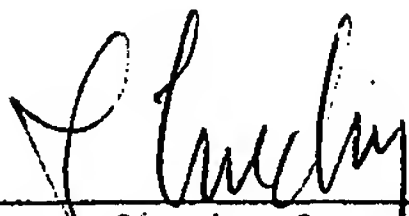
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- \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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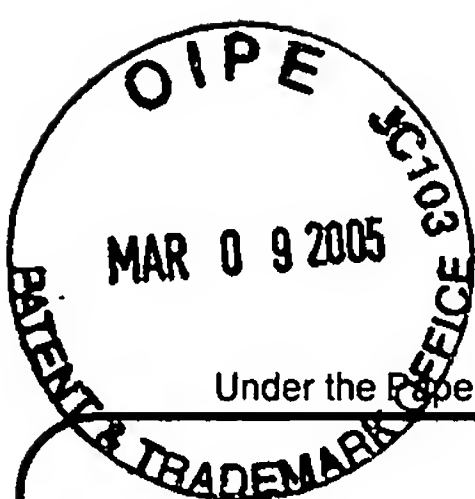
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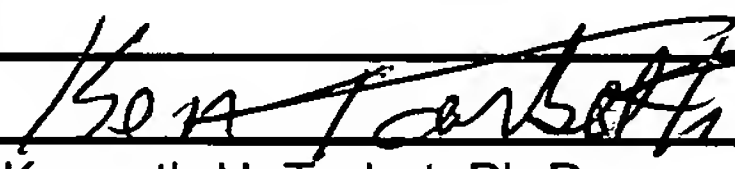
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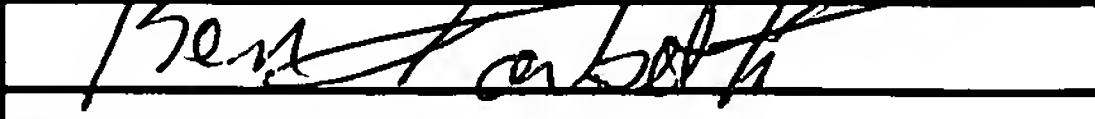
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Attorney Docket No.: HoffmanPA01US

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In Re Application of
Suzanne Hoffman

Serial No.: 10/711,993

Filed: October 18, 2004

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) Group Art Unit: Unknown

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) dated February 11, 2005. The first Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed to Applicant on November 30, 2004, requesting a signed oath or declaration and further requiring replacement drawings. The response to this Notice was filed on January 21, 2005, which included both the signed declaration and replacement drawings. A copy of the complete Response is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Contrary to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on February 11, 2005, ALL replacement figures submitted on January 21, 2005 are in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.21. Furthermore, the Notice of Incomplete Reply of February 11, 2005 specifically references Figures 1a and 1b, which were replaced by the substitute figures filed on January 21, 2005 and therefore do not presently exist. To avoid further confusion, Applicant requests that the replacement figures submitted on January 21, 2005 replace the figures as originally filed.

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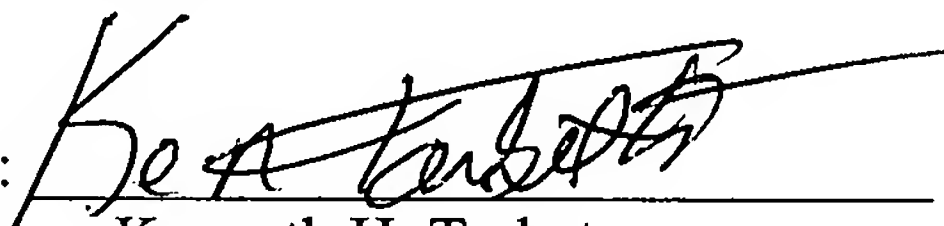
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In light of the documents of record (copies of which are attached), Applicant respectfully submits that the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed on February 11, 2005 is in error and, further, that the Response to Missing Parts filed on January 21, 2005 is correct and complete. Accordingly, Applicant requests written acknowledgment that the Response filed on January 21, 2005 is correct. Applicant further submit that no extension of time for the present reply is required or warranted, because the Response of January 21, 2005 was a complete reply and was filed within the two-month period for reply as provided in the Notice of Missing Parts mailed November 30, 2004. The present reply is in response to mistakes made by The Patent Office, not Applicant, and no extension of time is required.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 2, 2005

By: 
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FEE TRANSMITTAL**for FY 2005**

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
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Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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Date January 21, 2005

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